

## FITTING GUIDE: 2.3 FITTING THE DECO FRAME

### SUPPLIED IN THE BOX

(end of the frame boxes)

- **Frame screws** - For fixing the frame to the window
- **Hinge screws** - For final fixing of the hinges
- **Hinge packers** - For final adjustment if required
- **Hinge pins** - To connect the shutters together
- **Interlocking keys** - To connect the frame together
- **Touch up paint** - Just in case! (*Not with Standard*)

### TOOLS REQUIRED

(*Not supplied*)

- **Hammer** - Tapping the insert strips into place
- **Suitable drill** – Screwing the frame into position
- **Level** - Levelling the frame
- **PH2 screw bit** - The best size bit to use
- **3mm pilot drill** – For final hinge screws (optional)
- **Plaster board fixings** - If fitting into plaster board
- **6mm masonry bit** - If fitting into brick work
- **Hoover**

### Step 1: Fitting 4 sided frames



With the screws inserted into the pre-drilled frame holes, lift the frame onto the wall. Hold it in the required position, level the frame horizontally and vertically. Use a pencil and mark the position of the outside of the frame in a few places against the wall to make easy to lift back into position.

#### Fixing to a brick wall...

Tap the screws with a hammer to mark the fixing holes on the wall. Lift the frame down and drill 6mm holes with a masonry drill bit, I use a hoover to catch the dust. Insert 6mm red raw plugs into the holes. (Optional, drill out the existing frame pilot holes to 6mm, this will provide more adjustment when fixing the frame in place.) Lift the frame back up into position lining it up with your pencil marks and screw into place.

#### Fixing to a plaster wall...

Depending on the size of shutters you are hanging, you might need to drill more fixing holes around the frame to support the extra weight prior to starting. Tap the screws with a hammer to mark the fixing holes on the wall. Lift the frame down and drill 6mm holes with a masonry drill bit using a hoover to catch the dust. Screw your plaster board fixings into the holes. (Optional, drill out the existing frame pilot holes to 6mm, this will provide more adjustment when fixing the frame in place, and also prevents the frame moving on the screw.) Lift the frame back up into position lining it up with your pencil marks and screw into place being careful not to over tighten the screws.

#### Fixing to a stud wall... (wooden)

Depending on the size of the frame you can partially fix the frame by fixing the centre and top screws only. You can then hang the shutters into the frame and make minor adjustments to ensure the panels fit squarely within the frame. Once you are happy with the fitting, screw the rest of the screws into place.

#### 4 Sided frames with a bottom sill plate.

The sill plate is designed to fit flat onto your window sill. Level and centralise the frame on the wall and sill, then follow the above guides to fix the frame into place. The sill plate will need pilot holes drilled through it so you can fix it down to the window sill. As an option, when the frame and shutters are installed you can run a bead of panel adhesive 'No more nails' for example, along the back edge to secure it to the sill.

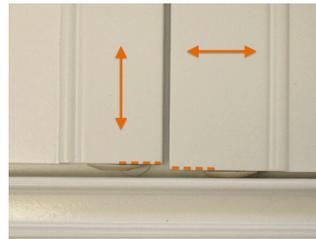
## Step 1a: Fitting 3 sided frames



Fitting a 3 sided frame is generally the same as fitting the 4 sided frame. Be careful lifting 3 sided frames as they have very little support until fixed. 3 sided frames are designed to be fitted down onto the window sill or onto the floor.

Check the level of the sill or floor before fitting, you may need to pack the frame up a little to ensure it's level before marking the screw holes.

## Step 2: Fitting the shutters



If you have bi-folding shutters, connect the bi-folds together first.

Lift the left set of shutters into the frame and connect the two parts of the hinge together and repeat for the right hand set of shutters.

Ensure the shutters fit squarely within the frame, you might need to loosen the frame screws and re-align the frame to help align the shutters. (This is where the larger 6mm holes will come in handy!) The hinges are adjustable and can also be moved up or down.

The panel feet should just be touching the bottom of the frame and there should be an equal gap between the bottom of the shutters and bottom frame.

Open and close the shutters slightly to ensure they rub evenly on the panel feet and are not too tight.

Depending on the level, the panel feet on 3 sided frames may not touch the window sill or floor. Fitting the panel feet can be optional on 3 sided frames depending on the size of your shutters or the window sill.

## Step 2: Finishing touches



Replace the insert strips into the Deco frame to cover the screw heads.

With Standard MDF shutters they snap into place, push hard or tap in with a hammer using some cardboard to protect the finish.

With wooden shutters they have sticky pads to keep them in place, remove the backing and push into place, tap with a hammer if tight using some cardboard as protection again.

### The final and most important step!

*'Take some photos of your finished shutters and email them to me along with a some comments about my service, website and shutters you received, I would love to hear from you'*

*Regards Sam*

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## Showroom: Finished examples

